

School of Nursing

Degrees Offered

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Introduction

The mission of the WVU School of Nursing is to lead in improving health in West Virginia and the broader society through excellence in student-centered educational programs, research and scholarship, the compassionate practice of nursing, and service to the public and the profession. This mission is responsive to changing healthcare needs and emerging national and state changes in technology and healthcare delivery and is enhanced by a supportive and open environment. The faculty's educational effort is directed at providing high quality, student-centered programs of instruction at all levels which prepare superb professional nurses to meet basic healthcare needs; advance practiced nurses to address complex health needs; and enable doctorally educated nurses to advance nursing knowledge through research, to assist in the formulation of policies to improve health care, and to serve as faculty in higher degree programs. Unique characteristics of the state mandates that the healthcare needs of rural populations and vulnerable groups be a major focus of education, research, and service, including faculty practice.

The School of Nursing offers undergraduate, graduate, and post graduate certificates of study. The baccalaureate program (BSN) is available for high school graduates who aspire to a career in nursing (basic students) and to registered nurses (RN) who are licensed graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs seeking to continue their career development. In addition, a BS/BA to BSN program is available for the college graduate seeking a BSN.

The WVU School of Nursing and the WVU College of Business and Economics offers a dual master's degree program to provide the skills and knowledge necessary to serve as a nurse leader. This blended degree program (totaling 67 credit hours) is done predominately online, and includes four 3-4 day residencies. Students take courses from both the MSN and MBA program concurrently. Graduates of the MSN (Executive Focus) and MBA program can work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, private practice, nonprofit organizations and public sectors.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN-DNP) prepares baccalaureate prepared nurses for advanced practice roles in primary care. These roles include family nurse practitioner and pediatric nurse practitioner specialties. Students are awarded the Master of Science (MSN) degree and are eligible to sit for certification as an advanced practice nurse upon completing 48 hours of the program. At that time they may progress to the DNP or select to exit the program with the MSN degree.

Post-graduate nurse practitioner certificate programs for family nurse practitioner and pediatric nurse practitioner are available for those who already have an MSN. The RN to MSN program also has these role specialties available.

The doctor of nursing practice (DNP) prepares advanced practice nurses who will practice at the highest level of professional nursing and will advance the application of nursing knowledge for the purpose of improving healthcare for diverse populations.

The doctor of philosophy in nursing (PhD) prepares nurse scholars/scientists for roles in research, teaching and service. The program prepares graduates who will contribute to the body of nursing knowledge, educate the next generation, and lead, ultimately impacting health policy, improving health, and reducing disparity.

Accreditation

Initial accreditation was received with graduation of the first class in 1964. The baccalaureate as well as advanced practice programs in nursing are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, a national accrediting agency.

Fees, Expenses, Housing, Transportation, and Immunization

Students enrolling at the Morgantown campus pay fees which are detailed at <http://admissions.wvu.edu/pay>. Special fees and deposits are also required. Students enrolling at other sites pay the fees shown in the catalog for that site. Fees are subject to change without notice. Students' expenses vary according to the course of study and individual needs. Information concerning financial assistance, application forms, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be obtained from the financial aid website at <http://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/hsc-office> or by contacting the HSC Financial Aid Office, PO Box 9810, Morgantown, WV 26506-9810; telephone (304) 293-3706 (toll free) or 1-800-344-WVU1.

The University Housing and Residence Life Office, telephone (304) 293-4491, provides information concerning university-owned housing. The Student Life Office in E. Moore Hall, telephone (304) 293-5611, provides information concerning privately owned, off-campus housing.

Students are expected to provide their own transportation, equipment, and instruments for the clinical courses. Some clinical experiences require travel in a multi-county area.

Students entering the BSN or BS/BA - BSN program are required to participate in the WVU Health Sciences Center Student Computer Program. A laptop computer will be issued to all students entering these programs. Please visit the School of Nursing website at <http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science/program-information/> for more information.

Proof of specific immunizations is required for all health sciences students. Students in the BSN, BA/BS to BSN, BSN-DNP, and post graduate certificate master of science in nursing program must undergo a criminal background check prior to clinical courses. Felony convictions and serious misdemeanors may preclude participation in the clinical courses. This could, in turn, prevent the completion of course requirements and completion of the nursing programs.

Scholarships

The School of Nursing offers several scholarships. These scholarships are administered by the Health Science Center Financial Aid Office and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to be considered for financial aid. Most School of Nursing scholarships are available only to students already admitted to the School of Nursing and are awarded each April for the following academic year. However, there are a limited number of scholarships for which students may apply before admission. Further information is provided on the School of Nursing website: <http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/academics/current-students/>.

Additional Information

Visit the School of Nursing website at <http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/>. Call the WVU school of Nursing Office of Student Services at 1-866-WVUNURS or (304) 293-1386. Write to WVU School of Nursing at PO Box 9600, Morgantown, WV 26506-9600

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Degree Designation Learning Goals

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

Upon completion of the BSN program, graduates will:

CRITICAL THINKING: Employ scholarly inquiry and evidence-based reasoning and creativity in the process of assessment, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and inference as a basis for professional nursing practice.

NURSING INTERVENTIONS: Ensure quality care by applying theory, evidence-based clinical judgment and decision-making, and patient care technology in the delivery of safe and skilled nursing therapeutics with individuals, families, communities, and populations across the health-illness continuum.

PROFESSIONAL ROLE: Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, professional values, personal qualities and behaviors consistent with the nursing roles of health care designer and coordinator, organization and system leader, and advocate for consumers and the nursing profession.

CARING: Provide empathetic, culturally sensitive, and compassionate care for individuals, families, communities, and populations that upholds moral, legal, and ethical humanistic principles.

COMMUNICATION: Integrate therapeutic, interpersonal, intraprofessional, interprofessional and informatics communication processes in professional nursing practice.

Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements

To be in good academic standing, students must:

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in all college work attempted for pre-licensure programs and a 2.5 for RN-BSN students.
- Pass all nursing courses and pre- or co-requisite non-nursing courses with a grade of C or better

A student who receives a grade of D, F, or W in a required nursing course or pre- or co-requisite non-nursing course may repeat that course once and must earn a grade of C or better when the course is repeated. Students who repeat a nursing course or a pre- or co-requisite non-nursing course and earn a grade of D, F, or W will be dismissed from the school. A student may repeat only one nursing course. Students who do not maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for pre-licensed programs and a 2.5 for RN-BSN will be placed on probation for one semester. Students on probation who do not raise their cumulative GPA to 3.0 or better for pre-licensed programs and a 2.5 for RN-BSN after one semester will be dismissed from the School of Nursing. Nursing courses and pre- and co-requisite courses in which students earn a grade of D, F, or W must be repeated prior to the student's progression to the next course(s) in the nursing sequence. Nursing courses must be repeated in the next fall or spring semester that the course is offered. Any general education course that is not a pre- or co-requisite of nursing courses and in which a grade of D or F has been earned must be repeated prior to graduation if it is to be counted toward graduation requirements. The baccalaureate of science in nursing degree for the traditional BSN program is conferred upon completion of 122 hours and all required courses. The baccalaureate of science in nursing degree for the RN-BSN program is conferred upon completion of 120 hours and all required courses. The baccalaureate of science in nursing degree for the BS/BA-BSN second degree students is conferred upon completion of 64 hours and all required courses.